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Junior B Meteors goaltender Tyler Hawk makes a save in last Saturday's 6-4 win over the Pelham Panthers. For story see page 31.



# Dragged dog leads to cruelty charges

### Postmedia Network

A dog is recovering in the care of its owner after it was dragged by a car in Welland last week, leading to animal cruelty charges being laid against two people. Niagara Regional Police say

the dog was dragged for about 800 metres along Southworth Street until the car collided with another vehicle at the intersection of Sutherland Avenue, just before 4 p.m. Thursday.

Police said the dog suffered traumatic injuries as a result of the ordeal

"Remarkably, given the ordeal the dog endured, it is expected to recover," police said in a media release issued

Two Fort Erie residents, Cassandra McKay, 42, and Gary DeWilde, 47, have each been charged with causing unnecessary suffering to a dog, and causing injury by wilful neglect to a dog.

Sunday.

Police said the dog's leash had been attached to the passenger side door of a black Hyundai Accent while the vehicle was parked at the Beer Store on Lincoln Street.

Police said the vehicle left the parking lot heading east on Lincoln Street, before turning south on Southworth, "as the dog made a valiant, but eventually unsuccessful effort to run along behind the

The incident was witnessed by several people who police said tried unsuccessfully to signal the Hyundai driver about the dog, which was dragged from the Beer Store until the leash broke seconds before the Hyundai collided



This dog is recovering at her owner's home after being

with the other vehicle. described as a close friend, DeWilde denied the allegations in an interview Mon-

He said the window of the

dragged by a car last week.

car was open as they drove away from the Beer Store, and the dog jumped out. "She was in the backseat

so it's not like I was expecting her to jump up behind me and out the window But she's a small dog," he said. referring to the dog which he said is a Jack Russell cross. He said the leash became

caught within the car, and the dog was dragged as a result. People are making it into a big thing, like we deliberately put the dog on the thing and just started dragging it and not paying attention," he said. 'It wasn't like that, but people

are going to think what they He said McKay, whom he was looking in the rearview mirror trying to find a place to safely pull over when they collided with a truck that had stopped in front of them. DeWilde said he jumped

out of the car's passenger seat "the moment my car got crashed," and ran after the Älthough DeWilde was

charged as a result of the collision, he claims it was McKay who was driving at the time. "Everyone tried to pick her up, but she wouldn't go to them. As soon as I went to her, she lumped right up in my arms and I ran her up to Cassandra and I said, 'Here,

get her to the vet." DeWilde said he remained with his crashed car waiting for police as McKay brought the dog to the nearby Rose City Animal Hospital.



This dog is recovering at her owner's home after being dragged by a car last week

"It happened so quick, Veterinarian Dr. Donna Campbell said staff at the veterinary clinic made the treat-

ment of the dog a priority when she was brought in. 'I can confirm that the dog is doing well," she said, adding the dog had been returned to her home to recu-

Campbell said she couldn't provide additional details about the treatment provided to the dog due to privacy leg-"Everybody concerned is making sure the dog is get-

ting the best care available," she said "The dog isn't really in danger at this point and it's being

carefully monitored by both the humane society and the police: Welland and District

Humane Society manager John Greer said charges in the case were laid by Niagara Regional Police rather than SPCA officers

'From our end, we're following up to make sure the veterinarian instructions are being complied with, and we're monitoring the situation to make sure the dog is

"Teamwork makes the dream work"

making a recovery," he said. Asked if the humane society is concerned about the care of the dog, Greer said "at this point, no.

"But it's ongoing, so we're going to monitor it very closely and just make sure the dog receives all the care. Under our act, as long as the dog is under veterinary care and it receives that treatment we would have no grounds for actually taking the animal."

The two accused are due in court March 29 to face the

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## Friendship Festival gets \$10,000 for 150th celebrations

Special to the Times

A successful grant application for the Friendship Festival is exciting, says the event's manager for the last 29 years, Flo Odding, Last week, the festival received

notification that it would be receiving \$10,000 from the province for Canada 150-related commemorations. The funds will be used to support heritage celebrations, focusing on events organized by the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre and the Fort Erie Multicultural Centre.

tination that brought major recording artists like the Tragically Hip, the Tea Party and other popular bands to town, a drastic decline in funding for entertainment has scaled that down

Throughout the 90s, the festival had an average budget of \$60,000 to pay for its headlining act, funded by the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation. Last year, a total of \$15,000 was spent on a handful of tribute bands. More than 20 years ago, annual bingo revenues generated close to \$1 million but since a smoking ban

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to get - we'll never get them again," Odding said.

When a well-known recording art ist is brought in, the extra costs don't end simply when the band plugs in their amplifiers and starts playing

presence, insurance, and much more,

in gaming venues in the early 2000s,

Odding says the amount has shriv elled to about \$60,000. "We can't get the bands we used

Odding estimates the cost of a



Fans at the 2010 Friendship Festival get ready to rock with Hedley, one of the last years a major-label artist performed at the event.

their catalogue of hits. There are additional expanses for a larger stage, on-\$110,000 in today's economy. site hospitality trailers, a greater police "It's almost double the cost of the band when you factor in all the stuff

that goes with it," she said. The Friendship Festival's budget for 2017 is about \$150,000 for the entire three days, which are scheduled as

hily 13 to 16 Historically held on Canada Day weekend, last year was the first time the dates had changed and it was

held on the third weekend in July. Odding said the second weekend of the month is the plan for the next three years as a new contract has been inked with Roberston Amuse-

Now, the festival primarily recruits its performers from the local talent pool around Niagara. Odding says this has proven to be an effective strategy. drawing a healthy crowd that consists mostly of people from the region. People get excited about tribute bands because they know what to expect because they are familiar with

"If nobody knows the name

major-label performer would be they're not going to come," said Odd-What about bringing back paid

concerts with fans buying tickets? Not feasible, says the festival manager. "Whenever we've tried that, it ends up costing us money," she said.

There are a few other grants Odding says the festival is depending on, including one from the Niagara Region for \$7,500 that will also go toward the planned multicultural celebrations.

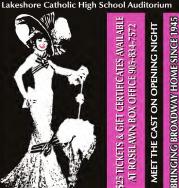
The Town of Fort Erie doesn't contribute financially to the annual festival but does provide several in-kind donations

Picnic tables, barricades, garbage cans and other pieces of equipment

are lent to the three-day event The Friendship Festival website was also created by municipal staff. "They're great if I need something."

Odding says anyone interested in getting involved in this year's festival can give her a call at 905-871-6454 or contact her through www.friendship-







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## Multicultural Centre opens new chapter

### KRIS DUBE Special to the Times

After 25 years of helping newcomers to Canada, the Fort Erie Multicultural Centre is looking forward to its

next chapter in life Not only did the local nonprofit celebrate a milestone anniversary last week, it was also announced the group is moving to a smaller unit at 62 Jarvis St. and that executive director Martha Mason's office is moving to 80 Queen St., at the Peace Bridge Newcomer Centre co-Incated within the immigration

Executive director Martha Mason and her team, along with the organization's board of directors, says the FEMC has "decided to move forward in a time of giving honour to the past and looking forward to the future." An evening to celebrate the next steps being taken by the

building at the border.

agency was held at the Fort Erie Public Library's centennial branch last week. The new location will help streamline the many services provided, said the organiza-

tion in a press release Since its establishment the FEMC has greeted the right church in the community, employment, a family physician - getting them

set up for the future. Language training is one of the centre's key programs, in association with the Niagara Catholic District School Board's learning centre, also

on Jarvie Street According to Mason, 10 per cent of the refugees they welcome end up staying in

In 2016, there were 2,500 refugee claimants accepted at the Peace Bridge.

The centre at the horder opened in 2001 and since then has helped 45,000 people. "it's about bringing them

toward independence," said program director Rosemary Mason says the FEMC is responsible for supporting about 100 families from Latin

countries who continue to call Fort Erie home and have for many years. Many of the people who come through the centre's programming are from African nations, Afghanistan, Eritrea, Haiti, and several more.

Mayor Wayne Redekop says the FEMC has been at the leading edge of welcoming, settling and meeting the needs recognize the significance of diversity in enriching and building our society and. most especially, our own

community," he said. The FEMC is funded through several community

In Fort Erie, freedom seekers have been assisted during many periods of history - from the earliest settlers greeted by First Nations Peoples, to Lovalists and slavery abolition-

ists in Upper Canada to the Underground Railroad. This assistance refocused when a small prayer group who had been involved in social justice issues began reception and settlement of

refugees in 1985. The group had discovered that refugees were being turned back from the Canadian border

at the Peace Bridge. Over time, more people from the community got involved and a visitation committee was established. Volunteers visited with newcomer

families on a regular basis. This also resulted in the formation of Casa El Norte Refugee Shelter on Central Avenue and the Refugee Assistance Organization, followed by Fort Erie Heritage Council in 1992, later



Fort Erie Mayor Wayne Redekop celebrates the Fort Erie Multicultural Centre's 25-year anniversary last week with some of his friends at the Fort Erie Public Library's Centennial





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Point of View

# Canada must eventually take a stand on Trump

It seemed for a while that Canada might find a way to deal rationally and practically with an irrational and impractical America.

We would strike a balance between our interests (trade, investment, jobs) and our values (tolerance, liberalism, diversity). We would. Well, it's been 10 days, and we can savwe tried.

But when Donald Trump imposed to ban citizens of seven Muslim-majority countries from entering the United States, we saw the new reality. It promises a season of popular and official protest in Canada, the worst crisis in Canadian-American relations since the Vietnam

Since Trump's election, Ottawa has tried prudently to adjust to the upheaval here. The Liberals have sought advice from Canadians who know Trump, including Brian Multoney and Courad Black. The back-channel diplomacy has even considered an appeal to Iwanka Trump who, some hope, may be more

progressive than her father.
When Trump's emissary assured the cabinet in Calgary recently that Canada is not a target, we felt better.

But with every tumultuous day since the insuguration, it is clear the Captain of Chaos means business. Putting "America first" represents an epochal reversal in U.S. foreign policy: nativist, protectionist and isolationist, prepared to discard old alliances, del allies and old values.

The radicals and Jacobins are now running the show. If their executive orders are slapdash and illegal, they invite the courts to restrict them. If they remember the Holocaust without mentioning the lews, they brazenly defend that omission. Trum's threat to Canada is not only

tearing up trade agreements or imposing "buy American" bills and a border tax. This we can manage with the artful diplomacy and resourcefulness we have practised with our elephantine neighbour for 150 years.

Where things will fall apart is on issues challenging the principles of Canada's liberal internationalism. The first of these is Trump's promise to deny funding to organizations that counsel family panning and his threat to deny financing to agencies of the United Nations.

It will get worse. Trump will try to withdraw from the Paris Agreement on climate change. If he cannot, he will spend four years undermining it. Expect the same on the anti-nuclear agreement with Iran.

He will outrage Canadians, a moderate, progressive people who are ready to join the global opposition. He will champion a dark, unorthodox view of the world on migration, refugees, security, human rights and Russian expansionism. It will force us to take a stand.

He will alienate friends, including Angela Merkel of Germany, a pivotal

relationship he is already wrecking. As we struggle to maintain continental trade, attract investment and safeguard our industries, we will come under enormous pressure to break with the U.S. on multilateral issues. We will have to choose between commerce and conscience.

We have been here before — with Richard Nixon over Vietnam, Ronald Reagan over acid rain and cruise missiles, George W. Bush on the invasion of Iraq. The relationship has always endured. Americans have always accepted Canada's right to dissent. Now, who knows?

To Canadians, Trump will be the most reviled American president in memory. If he dates visit Canada, he will draw tens of thousands into the visited streets. Within Perliament and his party, Trudeau will face calls to distance himself from the United States in world forums. Our prosperity will compete with our morality. It word the easy or pretty,

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## Anti-Valentine party for teens at Centennial branch

gifts we are given as human beings are the gift of young people and the gift of music, which both enrich our lives in countless.

This coming Wednesday at the Centennial Branch of the Fort Erie Public Library. these wonderful resources will come together to bring library patrons an evening to enjoy. Five area music teachers have been invited to send guitar. piano and vocal students to perform. The Fort Erie



Kompus and others have helped young people prepare works by a variety of composers, ranging from Beethoven to Simon and Garfunkel, Admission is free but advance tickets are will be popular. Please call 905-871-2546, ext. 305 to have tickets set aside Tight refreshments will be avail. able after the concert. Teens in Grades 7 to 12: if the thought of celebrating a lovey-dovey made-up

holiday makes you cringe. the library's Anti-Valentine's party is for you. On Monday, Feb. 13 at 6 p.m. at the Centennial branch, we'll make anti-Valentine's day cards, play games, eat, and use the photobooth. The next Stuffle Sleenover

ning story time and craft session is fun for everyone - children can come in their pajamas and bring along their favourite stuffed home, the stuffles get up

animal. When the kids go to all sorts of mischief; and when they pick up their stuffed buddies, they also get a record of the overnight antics.

Feb. 15 at 6 p.m. This eve-

Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m., the Centennial branch hosts a "No Excuse Moms Workout". These child-friendly workouts for all fitness levels are designed so you can come

alone or bring your kids

along. Inside Out is the family matinee this Saturday at the Centennial branch. Playing at 2:30 p.m., this movie shows the characters Joy, Fear, Anger, Disgust and Sadness helping young Riley adjust to a new town

and echool each in their own way. Loving, our film on Thursday, Feb. 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Centennial branch, is the true story of Richard and Mildred Loving, an interracial

genation arrest in Virginia for their 1958 marriage in Washington, D. C. led to a legal battle that would end at the U.S. Supreme Court

in 1967. Ruth Negga and Joel Edgerton star as the Lovings. Fun and learning opportunities for all ages are always available at the library. Visit www.fepl.ca, our Facebook page, Twitter

account or Instagram to keep up or learn more. Amy Roebuck is the community services coordinator at the Fort Erie Public Library.



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Breathing life into the future

## Photos of recent trip to Vimy a reminder of Canada's role

This past December my son-in-law, Dr.
Neil Cudney, was on a institutional business trip to

France.
Nell had a break and
travelled to historic Vimy,
taking countless views of this
First World War monument.
He gave me a near brochure
with lots of details in it. On
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at this time. Their goal was
to canture Hill 145 at Vimy.

Ridge. British and Canadian



artillery batteries played a big role. They systematically laid down a barrage in front of our Canadian troops.

The Three Canadian armies advanced against the well-defended German lines. Advance they did, with 11,285 Canadian casualties and 3,594 deaths that day. Neil panned with his camera the side of the Memoria. There were the names of our fallen inscribed in stone. Our brave Canadians took Hill 145 and galned control of Vimy Ridge. It was a major victory against the Germans.

victory against the Germans. Neil climbed the steps and gave us a view of the now peaceful countryside. You could still see the many trenches and up close the countless tunnels. It was Canadians who gained the victory. Canada Fifty years after Confederation we were now a nation of our own.

Remember Vimy? Pierre Berton in his book VIMY does. Worth reading. Our government started the project of a Vimy monument. It took 11 years and \$1.5 million to complete the memorial. Imaging the cost

in this day.
On July 26, 1936 it was unveiled before 30,000
French and Canadian war veterans.

Neil shared closeups of the giant sculptures. They are still well preserved. Neil was moved greatly by what he saw that day. He will send me an article later about those emotions he experienced. Writer's Note: Neil did not see my uncle's name on the monument. Why? He

should have been there as

all Canadian army combatants were ordered to be at Vimy. Some 20 miles to the north and a few weeks earlier before all three Canadian armies were called to assemble at Vimy. There just before

armines were caute to assemble at Vimy. There just before Vimy our uncle, Gunner Private Ernest Wellington Plato, and his machine gun platoon were blown to bits by a German shell. A week before Ernest had sent a post-card to his mothet, writing, "Mother today I am a man." Less than a week later

21-year-old Ernest was

dead, Cousin Wayne Nelson

nearby to Uncle Ernie's grave

and wife Carol of Fort Erie

visited Vimv and then on

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trapped at Bertle Senior Elementary School in Ridgeway for three and a half days with 15 students and three of my staff members. Unforgettable. Erno Rossi, author, captured the Bizzard's overwhelming effects in "White Death." Remember?



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dental care for quite some time. Almost every tooth in his mouth had a cavity. Some required simple fillings while many others required not consis and cans A few days later my byoleoust saw a national named Strentonio who also had not been in a dental office for more than 5 years

Surprisingly, she had no cavilles. fou might be asking yourself "Why was Stephanie lucky encuch to have no cavities while Paul had so many?" Well, there are very logical reasons for this

Let's talk about from Load them the Three Keys to tooth

Key One - Bacteria. No matter how many candles you eat or how clumsy you are with brushing or how often you torget to floss your teeth, you would not get a cavity if you did not have cavity-causing bacteria

We have millions of bacteria in our mouth (yes, it is true!). Most of hem are good bacteria. However,

bacteria can also live happily i eur meuths. Those harderia est sugars and produce acids that break down hard substances like So what can you do about this?

You can remove them temporarily or prevent them from growing



Dr. John Inigo

on your teeth by brushing and sing, and by also seeing your bacteria are in your mouth, they heracolly stay there for life

This leaves you at risk for having coviting for the rest of your life. Shalles show that those harteric start to appear in our mouth when our first teeth come out (typically 6-9 months old) They get transmitted by our parents or our siblings just like a cold

When the first tooth comes out and if we somehow prevent mission of these bad bacteria. for at least two years, other good becteria will grow first and can prevent cavity-causing bacteria

from having enough space to crow to large numbers. So by not haring spoons or other things for the first two or three years of infancy, we can drastically lower the number of these bad bacteria, and hence reduce the number of cavifies our kids mey out

medianed earlier She may be one of the lucky ones who may not have been genosed to these had harterly when she was really yrung and that may be why she is more resistant to cavities.

wer, if you were exp at an early age, don't get discouraged. There are other things that you can do. This brings us to the next Key of tooth decay sugar, which we'll discuss next time. Please stay tuned.

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## Revisiting summer gardens tonic for winter days

mer gardens brightened my computer screen all weekend; vibrant zinnias and daylilies, romantic roses, cool green ferns, serene ponds and even an exuberant Ital-

ian vegetable garden I've been editing images taken on last summer's garden walk sponsored by Niagara Falls Horticultural Society - immersing myself in July gardens is the perfect tonic for an overcast winter

weekend. What strikes me immedi-

ately is the diversity of gardens. There are so many ways to express your creative ity in the garden - rainbowlike flower beds, productive vegetable patches, secluded oasis of green, artists' studios - each garden reflects the owner's personal esthetic I have had the privilege

of visiting hundreds of private gardens over the past 17 vears. I am both amazed and humbled by the generosity of the garden owners who graclously share their private gardens and their passion for gardening with me.

What makes a great garden? Following your instinct is the key to enjoying your garden, grow what you love. When I was growing up, just shout everyone in our neigh. bourbood, including my dad, had a vegetable garden. It was a simple rectangle, with straight rows of corn, tomatoes, beans, peas and carrots, and I vividly remember munching on sweet pea shells and heans in the garden. By the time I was gardening, the custom of home vegetable



gardens had fallen out favour and most of my neighbours turned to the grocery store for

produce Today, homeowners are again enjoying the luxury of homegrown lettuce, tomatoes,

beans and garlic. Not sure where to start? Start small and grow a few of the vegetables you enjoy eating, experiment with a few different varieties, tuck a few of your favourite herbs in as well.

they are easy to grow. The best news: vegetables no longer need a dedicated garden, if space is at a premium, include a few of your favourite veggies in a sunny flower border or in a container on the patio. That sunny strip along the garage wall could be the ideal spot for a few heirloom tomato plants; lettuce makes a great container plant and can take a little shade on

On last year's garden walk one vegetable garden stood out: the backvard of Anna and Lou Beltrame on Stamford Green Drive, a true organic farm sized to fit a generous city lot. A substantial suproom on the back of the house doubles as a greenhouse when it's time start seeds for the garden. On the day of the garden walk, a group of visitors gathflowering plant, with coarse leaves and a cloud of small white flowers on tall stems Anna was called upon to ID the suspect, "Radish, for seed." Radish, along with most of the other vegetables and flowers, were grown from homegrown

Along the back of the property, Lou led me through shoulder high rows of tomatoes, "They're slow this year," he lamented. My own tomato plants were barely knee high at this point. Fragrant basil skirted the rows, "Tomatoes taste better

when they're grown with basil." Anna introduced me to pots of geranium cuttings, being grown for next year, that lined the windowsills along the back of the house. Vibrant pink, red, salmon, and white geraniums populated the gardens and hung from the vine covered pergola above the patio. Crayola-coloured zinnia and daylily flowers lined the front

drive, welcoming visitors to this

charming garden. Looking back at the images, I'm reminded of the generous spirit of homeowners who open their gardens on a tour. Gardeners love to talk about plants, and the Beltrame's generously shared their many years of experience growing vegetables and flowers from seed and cuttings with curious visitors that day. I suspect many people were encouraged to grow more vegetables and flowers from seed after meeting this inspir-

Another creative garden, located on the corner of Lundy's Lane and Mouland Avenue, made the most of a tiny space. The homeowner has transformed a paved back yard (formerly a parking lot) into a friendly oasis brimming with colour. Tall concrete cylinders. topped with boxwood create a substantial hedge defining the patio area. The containers raise the hedge to hip level, giving the snace a sense of enclosure that a ground-level hedge would take many years to achieve. Container grown ornamental

feeders. Generous plantings of sun-loving perennials in hot colours cheer the front gardens, while shade tolerant hosta and astilbes cool a narrow side garden that connects the front and back gardens. Container grown hydrangeas created a live screen on a side porch on this busy corner. If you are looking for ideas to make the most of small space. you won't want to miss this gargrasses surround a habitat garden

den for birds at the back of prop-After a weekend of editing, erty, with its own bird bath and I've lined up my slides for this

a treat to look back on the colourful gardens, generous spirits and smiling faces of this sunny July tour.

meeting is free.

Why not join us next Thursday evening, when I will be sharing the images of last year's garden walk with members of Niagara Falls Horticultural Society, We will be meeting in the LaMarsh Room of the Niagara Falls Library Victoria Avenue branch at 7:30 p.m. Visitors are always welcome; first



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A U.S. judge has cleared the way for shipments of radioactive waste that could pass through

Local environmentalists haven't given up yet on stopping that plan Niagara-on-the-Lake res-

ident Gracia Janes, environment convener for the National Council of Women of Canada, said she remains hopeful that the efforts of U.S. political leaders may yet succeed in stopping the shipments of liquid nuclear waste from Canadian Nuclear Laboratories in Chalk River, Ont., a community near Algonquin Park, to a disposal site

kilometres south. Seven U.S environmental organizations launched a law-US\$60 million.

suit against the Department of Energy (DOE) last summer regarding plans for as many as 150 shipments of the material over four years. The lawsuit asked the court to rule that the shipments require an additional environmental impact statement, saying the material has never previously been transported along public roads in a iquid form.

In total, about 23,000 litres of the material - a byproduct of the creation of medical radioisotopes, which includes cesium-137, strontium-90, and plutonium-239 - are to be shipped back to the U.S., as part

in Savannah River, S.C., 1,700 of a 2010 agreement to repatriate radioactive material, costing the Canadian government about

> But last Thursday, the U.S. court supported claims by the DOE in 2015 that the material poses no more danger in its liquid form than it would as a

> solid. "This is serious. It's really ver serious," said Janes, Lincoln regional Coun. Bill

Hodgson said he was disappointed about the U.S. court verdict in the case. "I'm puzzled and disap-pointed," said Hodgson, who has led local efforts in opposi-

tion of the nuclear waste shipments CONTINUED > PAGE 13



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## Other countries have found alternatives for waste, says Janes

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Hodgson said he's also concerned about the potential impact on local emergency workers, if the worst-case scenario happens.

Even a close call could have "huge economic and social impacts on our community," he said.
"It's not going to take a cata-

strophic accident to have a major impact. We could have a scare and it could devastate our brand, for example as a place where safe food comes from," he said. Despite the agreement to repatri-

ate spent nuclear waste. Janes said other countries have found alternatives For instance, she said Indonesia

instead uses a method of diluting its nuclear waste with the DOE's approval, making shipping the material unnecessary In a media release issued by the

plaintiffs in the unsuccessful law suit, the director of Savannah River Site Watch, Tom Clements, said the same technique used in Indonesia could be used at Chalk River.

"Down-blending and solidifying the waste in Canada would be cheaper, faster and safer than moving this dangerous liquid cargo through dozens of communities,

Despite the ruling, Janes said environmentalists remain hopeful that the plans may yet be stopped. Janes is hoping a bill introduced

by Arizona Congresswoman Martha McSally may succeed in requiring the Department of Homeland Security to conduct a risk assessment prior to the transport of nuclear materials

If approved, the legislation called the Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Intelligence and Information Sharing Act of 2017 - would included the DOE's planned transport of highly enriched liquid nuclear uranium across the Peace Bridge.

New York Congressman Brian Higgins introduced a similar bill last year. Janes said that bill didn't make it to the final stage of consid-

"This time around, he's persistent," she said. "I think that is probably the only hope."

But considering recent U.S. government decisions, particularly regarding environmental issues, she said "it's a little hard to hope that they will make changes."

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# Loneliness can be a scourge of aging

upset - even a little angry - when my mother suggested on several occasions that should she die first, she hoped he would remarry, the implication being that he wouldn't be able to look after himself and more importantly needed someone close at

hand who loved him. She died of progressive heart failure 10 years before he died of a stroke and mum got her wish. After two years he married again and it worked just the way my mum hoped and figured it



Loneliness is one of the scourges of any age - but perhaps never more so than ater in life, when lifetime partners and friends keep dving on a regular basis and funerals almost become regular social events where

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survivors console one another and wonder when and who's next. Except for children and grandchildren our worlds keep sbrinking and for many close family is literally scattered all over

Nursing homes have become the default setting for many but bowever social people may have been earlier in life, making friends or even acquaintances in the 80s and 90s of life can be very difficult, if not impossible and death almost a welcome end to the rituals of scheduled meals,

routines without meaning. Even in the costliest facilities, is often a case of warehousing the elderly, and occasionally, elder abuse. There was no abuse in the case of my mother-in-law when she moved into a very nice chronic care facility in London, Ont. in her 80s. But when her husband Bob, the love of her life, died after she saw him through his several year siege of bowel cancer, she was exhausted and ready to check out. Ev had squirreled away a stash of morphine left over from Bob's many prescriptions and she had to be very diplomatically and kindly talked out of keeping it by the hospice nurse in one of several follow-up visits. Making matters worse for Ev was the fact that the closest family was more than 100 miles away - that would be my wife and I - the rest thousands of miles away and when she entered the nursing home she was isolated from the few remaining friends of a life-

planned 'activities' and be isolating without other sustaining friendships near by, as she reminded me by phone the other day. But it isn't all doom and

gloom in the last decades of ife. In small communities such as Niagara-on-the-lake long-standing friends and family make the difference by regularly checking in on those living alone, helping out when things go wrong and being there when it counts. Here community institutions such as churches and as I've observed in St. Catharines, mosques, can make a big difference. And some elderly manage to make rich, sustaining new friendships late in life, especially in the closed communities of nurs-

challenges of maintaining social connections in later life, difficulties compounded by the loss of driver's licences, and physical and cognitive declines in surviving friends. The health risks of isolation and loneliness are very real and include increased risks of falls and fractures, heart attacks or in some cases, simply losing the will to live Humans are very social animals, so much so that Robin Dunbar, an evolu-

But there's no denying the

ing homes.

Oxford, claims that modern humans owe much of their brain's cognitive powers to the evolutionary pressure to the social demands of living in communities. And we're not alone in looking after the elderly - other species do so too, perhaps because of the recognized advantages of experience that older members in groups bring to settling fights among the

So, at least from the evolutionary point of view, we're not alone in treasuring the old. Its just that those older chimps and elephants stay in the their group and herd respectively and we outsource them to isolating facilities - however nice their amenities, when most they need their familiar

herd. That sometimes strikes me as wrongheaded and a backward step when friends often live miles away and are unable to get there because they've lost their driver's licence, or are themselves experiencing increasing challenges getting about their own home, never mind getting to see their friend.

Dr. Bill Brown is a professor of neurogy at McMaster

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formidable challenges. The

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Niagara Parks Police Chief Carl Scott will be hanging up his hat this spring after decades of

## **Niagara Parks Police** chief retiring

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After almost four decades

in law enforcement, Carl Scott is preparing to return to civilian life. "It was my decision to

retire but it wasn't an easy one," said the chief of Niagara Parks Police. "People say they know when it's time to retire ... it was time Scott joined Niagara Parks Police in 2013, following a 36-year career with Niagara Regional Police. As chief, he oversees 25 fulltime and 27 seasonal officers

and staff, who patrol more than 1,300 hectares of parkland and 56 kilometres of parkway "We provide a dedicated service to public safety for the over 12 million people who

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cross our paths each year and, what most people don't realize is, this is all undertaken by the

The public's safety, the 58-year-old said, is enhanced by various partnerships the police service has with other agencies, including the NRP. OPP, RCMP, Canada Border Services Agency and New

York State Parks Police. "We have great working relationships with other

New York State Parks Police, for example, are "our eyes and ears from their side of the (Niagara) river and vice versa.

Scott's last day will be May 31. A successor has yet to be

"Chief Scott's 40-year policing career is a testament to his commitment to the community and to the Niagara Parks Commission! said commission chairwoman Janice Thomson

"He will be missed." Scott is a member of the Chippawa Lions Club, where has served as president in the past, and is a strong supporter of the United Way.

"Chief Scott's community involvement has also been a hallmark of his professional and private life." Thomson said. "While his dedicated service to Niagara Parks will be missed, I am sure he will remain active in our communities, doing what he does best - serving the resi-

dents of Niagara," Scott was 19 when he

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joined the NRP in 1977. 'I applied to be a cadet,' the Cambridge native recalled. "I didn't know anyone in the Niagara region but I applied because my family used to vacation here. That's what drew me. I liked the area

Over the course of three decades, the Niagara Falls resident held a succession of

supervisory posts and ranks.

Prior to his retirement from the NRP. Scott was the acting deputy chief of operations and managed approximately 30 specialty support

Scott replaced Douglas Kane, who retired as parks police chief after five years. Kane was also a former NRP officer. Established in 1887 Nia.

gara Parks Police Service is one of the province's oldest police services.

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Sealed tenders addressed to Laura Bubanko, Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk, will be received by the Customer Service Unit (CSU) at 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, Ontario until:

### 2:00 p.m. LOCAL TIME on: WEDNESDAY MARCH 1st, 2017

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POSTMEDIA FILE PROT Niagara Region has received the results of the forensic audit into the controversial

Burgoyne Bridge replacement project. Construction on the bridge is to be completed in the spring.

## Burgoyne Bridge forensic audit report under wraps

Council began looking into how contract after costs ballooned by tens of millions of dollars

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Regional councillors took a peek at the Burgoyne Bridge forensic audit Monday — but what it contains is still a

closely guarded secret.

The vice-chair of Niagara Region's bridge audit task force, Grimsby Regional Coun. Tony Quirk cautioned councillors that what they were reading is only a preliminary

report on the \$93-million project.
"I want to make clear this is not the
final report from the auditor," Quick
said. "What you have is the preliminary report, and it will be the basis for
the discussion we are going to have

today."

Council began its inquiry into how
the contract for the bridge was awarded
after costs ballooned by tens of millions
of dollars from the original estimate of
\$45 million. The low bid on the contract
was for \$69.91 million.

Council asked for the forensic audit May 19 after suspicions arose of possible "fiduciary impropriety" related to the project following an anonymous

tip.

Monday, the committee passed a motion to move into closed session because the discussion of the forensic audit involved solicitor-client privilege and "potential litigation" as well as "identifiable individuals".

When the committee returned to open session, it quickly passed a motion authorizing staff to proceed as directed. The committee gave no further details. "The goal is to get it to council on Thursday night, and at that point, it will also be a matter for closed discussion," Quirk said. "Any other information about this will be a decision of coun-

Monday councillors were allowed to read the report in a committee room one hour before the meeting began. They had to sign for the document and weren't authorized to take it with

That didn't sit well with Niagara Falls Coun. Bob Gale. "I've taken mine, and I did not sign

the forms saying I will give it backright now. Gale said. "The public is ourraged by what is going on here. We should have these reports to take home to read... I have a problem with the secrecy of these reports. I understand the confidentiality of it, but we as councillors have to make informed decisions, and we only had an hour to read it."

Welland Coun. George Marshall also wondered about the restrictions on the

report.

\*If I am expected to make a decision on something, I would like a copy of the

document," Marshall said. St. Catharines Coun. Andy Petrowski took it a step further. He wondered why the report isn't being shared with the

"When is the public going to see something?" he asked. "It cost \$450,000, and the taxpayers don't just write blank cheques. They expect to see the benefit of what they spent the money on, but who know with this region sometimes."

Quirk said the forensic auditors from Deloitte would likely deliver the final version of the report to the committee in March. They would also take questions from councillors at that time.

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### Auditing firm completed valuefor-money audit last year

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The auditing firm has already completed a value-for-money audit on the bridge project. That report was presented to council last year and included concerns of missing documentation, poor procurement processes and a lack of transparency.

The original Burgoyne Bridge was built in 1915. It opened after 11 months of construction at a cost of \$155,000 which was \$18,000 under budget.

The replacement bridge, the largest he region owns and maintains, is on the same site and links downtown St. Catharines to west St. Catharines over Twelve Mile Creek and Highway 406. Hruss almost 320 metros with an arch of about 110 metres and is supported by 12 steel towers. Construction began in September 2015.



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### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2017

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# Driver jailed, banned from driving

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A 37-year-old Niagara man was given a sobering message on the dangers of impaired driving from a local judge Monday after the father of six pleaded guilty to failing to provide a sample of his breath after he crashed his truck on the

Queen Elizabeth Wav. Today, there is a family getting a knock on the door from police telling them their kid is not com-

Tarantini before sentencing him to 90 days behind bars. to be served on weekends. "It happens thousands of

times a year in Canada." "Some family's life has just been ruined." O'Donnell continued. "Now, imagine you're the one sitting at home. You're the one getting the knock

at the door. Imagine how mad you'd be." Court was told the Niagara Falls resident lost control of his pick up truck ing home," Judge Fergus May 15, 2016 on the on

beth Way at Lyon's Creek Road The truck struck the

centre median of the highway, ejecting the driver, and crossed over to the shoulder in the oncoming lanes.

Tarantini was taken to the Greater Niagara General Hospital for treatment. Police made a demand of a breath sample at the hospital because the driver had a strong odor of alcohol. He refused to comply.

Tarantini left the hospital. against medical advice, but later returned and was diagnosed with having a concussion and broken hips.

of Justice in St. Catharines that he had only consumed one beer that day and felt he was not impaired

Assistant Crown attorney Stacy Sheehan said Tarantini has previous convictions for impaired driving and driving while disqual-

In addition to the jail sentence, he was banned from driving for three "Don't give in to temptation to drive," the judge

warned, "You will get alangley@postmedia.com @nfallslangley



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# Border plan a 'disaster'

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President Donald Trump's push to have all visitors entering and exiting the United States sublected to biometric screening - such as finger-printing, retina scans or facial recognition tests - would be a "disaster," says the general manager of the Peace

Bridge Authority. "It's clear that there hasn't been enough thought or process into what are the consequences of such an

action," said Ron Rienas. If it can be done where there is no adverse impact on traffic in any way, in terms of taking much longer and slowing things down, then

that's one thing. "But all the experts and all the evidence that we've seen points to this being a disaster because it would require a much longer primary inspec-

tion." Trump's call for steppedup technology to monitor whether non-Americans are staying in the country longer than permitted was part of a recent executive order he issued on immigration.

received as much public attention as Trump's controversial ban on travellers from seven predominantly Muslim-majority countries, it has sparked concerns among border officials, as well as U.S. and Canadian politicians, that it would lead to massive slow-downs in border traffic, particularly at land crossings.

A U.S. federal judge blocked the immigration order Friday.

The order was upheld during an initial appeal by the Trump administration Sat-

As for Trump's increased border technology proposal, Canada's Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale raised his concerns during a phone call this week with John Kelly, the new U.S. Homeland Security secretary.

Also, western New York Republican congressman Chris Collins, who was the first House member to endorse Trump for president, wrote a letter to Kelly

indicating his concerns. Rienas said the idea of biometric screening at the border is not a new one.

This was proposed back in 2004. It was re-initiated in late 2014 by a committee in the House of Representatives in the U.S. Congress to implement this. But that was going through the legislative process and it never ever got a vote because there was so much opposition

to it from a host of border stakeholders," he said. "And now we have it appear again in the form of

an executive order. "My initial reaction was here we go again. BORDER from A1

Rienas said he is glad to Although it has not see Collins take the same

position now as he did when he opposed the idea hefore. "I think the difference is that in the earlier go around

it was being done through a legislative process, so there was an opportunity for discussion and debate and a more thorough vetting of the proposal."

Fort Erie Mayor Wayne Redekop said sometimes pol-

iticians in non-border communities "don't understand the dynamic" or "appreciate the significance of the flow of people and goods across the

"(Sometimes) they don't appreciate the nature of the relationships that exist between the people. They don't, I think, have a full understanding of the process, nor appreciate the skill and talent of the individuals that they've charged

people." Redekop said there are ways to protect people and still have an efficient and

with ensuring the safety and protection of their own

"To a great extent you have to rely on the great people that you put on the border. These are wellskilled people - they're

trained, they've got lots of He said the vast majority of people who cross the border are "absolutely no problem" and that biometric screening is not the answer to deal with the vast minority who may need further questioning.

"I think it's fairly clear that the executive order that presented the ban on immigration and refugees and the information about the biometrics, a lot of that has to do with a lack of understanding and

appreciation of the significance of things that government does. It's easy to sign a piece of paper, but

often it's very difficult to

implement and often it

can be very detrimental to

exactly what you're trying to achieve. Redekop said if the U.S., is truly interested in trade. it should have policies that will permit the free and effective flow of goods

directions.

across the border, in both "They're going to be exporting goods here and we're still major trading partners."

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Border officials, as well as politicians in the U.S. and Canada, are concerned about President Donald Trump's push to have biometric screening implemented at the border, which they fear would grind traffic to a halt at crossings such as the Peace Bridge between Fort Erie and Buffalo.

## Uncertainty from U.S. not good for business

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He said there's "so much uncertainty" currently in the U.S. and "business thrives upon certainty." "People make decisions based

on some level of certainty and that's what's so destabilizing right now." Niagara Falls Mayor Jim Diodati said anything that slows down commerce and adds red tape to the border is "a bad idea."

never risk safety, "we don't have a safety issue that we're not already dealing with appropriately." "And Trump, of all people as a business person, would understand

you don't want red tape and you don't want to slow down transactions and that's all that this will do. It won't make it safer, it'll make it slower and it's going to hurt the bottom line. I would think Trump, being a bot-

tom line kind of guy, will realize that maybe this was a short-sighted decision and have second thoughts."

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## **Rocket launcher among items seized at border crossings**

### ALISON LANGLEY Postmedia Network

A rocket launcher and two grenades seized at the Peace Bridge last summer were just a few of the thousands of items confiscated by border officials in

2016 The Canada Border Services Agency this week released its 2016 year in review, which said more than 10.5 million cars, 52,000 buses and 3.3 millian commercial trucks were

processed by border officers in the Southern Ontario Region. The Southern Ontario Region covers the cities of Niagara Falls, Fort Erie, Windsor, Sarnia, and London, and surrounding com-

munities All told, the CBSA processed more than 25 million ern Ontario in 2016. Officers conducted more than

173 000 examinations which resulted in:

•1,383 drug seizures, including 68 kg of cocaine; +218 firearms and 868 prohibited weapons seized:

•4.056 litres of alcohol and +201 tobacco seizures; •13 child porn seizures;

zures valued at \$373.600. The disposable rocket launcher and two grenades were seized July 3 after agents discovered the items inside

the vehicle of two Louisiana residents. The men did not have ontidocumentation stating the launcher was deactivated and the grenades inert. Niagara Regional Police

•10 proceeds of crime sei-

were called in to assist and an investigation deter-

mined the items were unusable The items were seized and

Windsor border crossing.

the men were allowed to proceed into Canada. Other unusual seizures made last year included a 70 drinking or drug impaired woolly mammoth tusk disdrivers and recovered three covered in a vehicle at a "The men and women of the

CBSA perform valuable work ensuring the detection and interdiction of illicit persons

and products while expediting the free flow of legitimate travel and trade," said CBSA spokesman Rick Cornerford Officers also intercepted

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## Supper Market coming to Crystal **Beach this summer**

Special to the Times

There will be a new and exciting weekly dining option in Crystal Beach this

Every Thursday, at the waterfront park, local residents, people from elsewhere in Niagara, along with the thousands of U.S. visitors the area welcomes each year, will be able to enjoy a Supper Market, a gathering of what is expected to be 10 food trucks.

Preference will be given to local applicants looking to fill one of the spaces avail-

"Our first priority will be with local businesses and vendors," said Casey Marzec, a member of the Crystal Beach Business Improvement Association, the group organizing the 10-week culinary gathering at the pristine public park and boat launch along the Lake Erie shore-

Marzec also said the natural beauty of the venue should be a draw for people from outside Greater Fort Erie, perhaps people from elsewhere in Niagara who have never visited this part of the region, or not in the last few years.

"Hopefully it's a way to attract new people to Crystal Beach," he said.

The popularity of a similar event in Niagara-onthe-Lake is something that should help, according to

"We're hoping to ride that wave" he said An informational meet-

ing for yendors who may be interested in participating is scheduled for Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. at the fire ball in Crystal Beach.

The first market is scheduled for June 29. For more information contact Marzec at caseymarzec@gmail.com or 905-351-7228

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# Win moves midget Meteors on to provincial quarter-finals

### KRIS DUBE Special to the Advance

The Fort Erie Major Midget hockey team is one step closer

to becoming provincial champs.
The squad won the Niagara District playdown tournament at the Leisureplex last weekend, winning four of the five games they

played. Next they face Ajax for the quarter-finals of the Ontario Minor Hockey Association finals, begin-

ning this weekend.

The Fort Erie team beat their division rivals from Welland in the final game of the district tourna-

ment, the second time they faced one another for the opporutnity to move on. In the first match-up, Welland won 8-0.

Fort Erie head coach Rich Graham said this didn't affect his team and they responded beautifully in the final game of the showdown, beating Welland by a

score of 3-1.

"Every single player contributed and played the best game of their life - that's what it takes to beat this team," said Graham.
The same Welland team has

won a provincial title the last three years. Graham, a former coach with

the Fort Erie Meteors Jr. B team, says he is incredibly proud of his team, especially in what he expects is his last year of coach-

ing.
The provincial quarter-finals
is a best-of-five series. The Fort
Erie team will face off against

Ajax.

The first game of the series is Friday night at 7 p.m. at the Leisure-

Also scheduled in Fort Erie are game three Sunday at 6 p.m. and game five next Thursday at 6; 30 p.m. Graham and his team are hoping for a large hometown crowd. FORT ERIE TIMES THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2017

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The Fort Erie Major Midget Meteors celebrate after winning the Ontario Minor Hockey Association's Niagara District tournament last weekend. The provincial quarter finals kick off Friday night at 7 p.m. at the Leisureplex when Fort Erie faces a team from Aiax.

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## Meteors win one, lose one in back-to-back weekend games

Special to the Times The Fort Erie Meteors earned

two of four possible points in last weekend's back-to-back games. On Friday night, the Ir. B team was defeated 5-2 on the road against the St. Catharines Falcons the conference's second-place team, which has 31 more points

than Fort Erie this season. Scoring for the Meteors in the loss were Alex McAteer (assisted by Alexander Walters and Chase White) and Bryan Zurowski (assisted by Danny Katic and Chase White).

The game was tied 2-2 early in the second period but St. Catharines scored three evenstrength goals in the last ten minutes to solidify the win. On Saturday, the Meteors found themselves down 2.0 in the first period but ended up rallying back to defeat the visiting Pelham Panthers by a score of 6-4. Scoring in the first for Fort Erie

was Dakota Miskolczi (assisted by Danny Katic and Pierre-Luc Forget) He scored again in the second

assisted by Bryce Martin and Alexander Walters), along with Cody Petawabano (assisted by Danny Katic and Dakota Miskolczi) and Cail Cirillo (assisted by Mike Masotti and Brady Lee). Plerre-Luc Forget scored in the

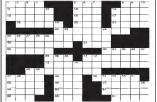
third (assisted by Bryan Zurowski and Alexander Walters) before Cody Petawabano found the back of an empty net, capping the 6-4 win. Asked about Saturday's game,

captain Bryce Martin said he was happy with the offensive effort but things were a little "sloppy" in their own end, which he says "tends to happen when you play \*back-to-back nights." Our coach has been really

pushing us to get in playoff mode the last couple months and we've worked hard as a team to get where we need to be before playoffs start and we know anything can happen and we believe we can take on any

team," he wrote in an email. "We had a slow start to the year which is expected with having a very young team but getting some veteran guys back into the season and growing together as a team has really helped us make some great strides throughout

the season," he continued. The Meteors face the Ancaster Avalanche on Thursday night and on Saturday night, host the Buffalo Regals, a team with one win and 42 Incope this copenn



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Thomas Kohinski (1911 - 1997) homas Kohinski (1911 - 199 In memory of a dear husband, father, indisther and great-grandisther who & Idel home 20 years ego, Februery 8, 16 You are ever near, still dearly missed. With love, Clara, Margaret, Douglas, Bonoid and their fornilles.

SCOTT, Wally -July 14, 1944 - February 8, 2016 One year has passed and we miss you still. Wife Blanche and kitty Tiffany



### In Memoriams



RIEGLE But to lose our son was the greatest of any.
Whet we ell would give to hear him sey,
"Hi Mom, Hi Ded" in the same old way.
To hear his voice and see him smile,
To sit end chat with him ewhile.

doctly remembered always by Mom & Dad.



TIPLER, Orma -

Passed away peacefully on Thursday, February 2, at the age of 93 years. Predeceased by her husband, Thomas Frederick "Tommy" Tipler. Cherished mother of Sandi Leavey, Pat (Walt) Henning and Philip (Elizabeth Moulden) Dear Nana of Brandt, Brenda, Janine, Danielle, Jason, Julie and Emma. Great Grandma of Brittany, Tiffany, Savannah, Sebastian. Eliana, Owen, Hunter, and Ceroline. She was a nursery school teacher at the YMCA from 1964 - 1968. She then returned to teaching fulltime at Elsie English School as a Special Ed. teacher until she retired in 1984. She and Tommy then travelled extensively in their motorhome oughout North America. WILLIAMS FUNERAL SERVICES, 722 Ridge Rd. N. Ridgeway entrusted with arrangements The family will receive friends on Saturday, February 11th at 11:00am until service time at 1:00pm in the chapel. Interment will take place at a later date at McAffee Cemetery If so desired, the family would appreciate memorial contributions to the Alzheimer's Society or the Heart and Stroke Foundation.





time we look at your picture, Christopher, You seem to smile and say, "Don't cry, I'm only sleeping, We'll all be together egein someday."





CEBRYNSKI, Lisa Johanna (nee Possler) passed away peacefully at her home

surrounded by her loving family, on Thursday, February 2nd, 2017 in her 55th year. Beloved wife of William "Will" Cebrynski, Loving mother of Bill (Mandy) and Chris (Rosie), Cherished grandmother to Kvia, Gage and Autumn Mackey, Dear daughter of Lorna Possier and the late John Possler and daughter-in-law of Elaine Cebrynski, Loving sister of Gary Possler (Debbie) and Heidi Possler (Kevin) and sister-in-law of Stacey Ross (John), Scott Cebrynski (Carolyn). She will be lovingly remembered by her nieces and nephews, John, Jen, Karah, Ben, Trevor and Jackson, and her great-nieces, greatnephews end Teddy. Lisa was co owner of Peninsula Custom Brokers Ltd. with her siblings and enjoyed spending time on the Reach Special thanks to Dr Che and all her nurses and support staff for all the excellent care that was given to her. BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES, 1105 Benner Ave. Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family received friends on Wednesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. A funeral service will take place in the Funeral Home Chapel on Thursday, February 9th at 11 a.m. For those who wish donati he made to the Canner Society



STOLL, Elisabeth Anna -April 19th, 1920 - January 31st, 2017. In her 97th year, Elisabeth passed peacefully on January 31, 2017 at Bella Senior Care Residence, Chippawa, predeceased by her husband Otto in 2014. Loving mother of Sieghart (Andrea) and Michael (Joan) Proud Oma of Dennis, Matthias, Jennife (Trevor) and Kevin and proud Great Oma of Also survived by nieces nephews in Germany and cousins in the USA. Elisabeth worked as a secretary in Germany and immigrated to Canada in 1950 with her husband end son where she took on the role of homemaker. Specia thanks to staff at Queenston Place and Bella Senior Care Residence for their loving care over the years. Friends are welcome to join the family at the WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME, 722 Ridge Rd. N., Ridgeway, on Friday, February 10, 2017



from 1-2 p.m. A memoriel service will follow

in the Williams Chapel at 2 p.m., followed

by refreshments. In lieu of







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BRYANT, Roy Frederick passed away on Friday February 3, 2017 at the age of 80 at Catharines Hospital. Beloved the St. Cathsrines Hospital. Belowed husband of Gillian, loving stather of Audrey (Tom) and Caroline. Proud Grandpa of Jillian (Trevolr, Derek, Cameron, Jacob (Amande), Duncan, Raelene and Great Grandpa to Noelle, Predecesed by his parents Barbara and Reginald and his loving daughter Dinah. Roy was a well known and respected figure around the baseball diamond in many capacities. From coaching and managing his daughters teams to coaching and managing Challenger Baseball along with Sledge Hockey. He will be missed by many and never fornotten. Cremation has taken place as per his request, in his memory dona

Passed away on Monday January 30, 2017 at the age of 86. Jim was born in England and worked for CN Rail for 25 years. He is survived by his wife Patricia, daughter Jeanette Beroud and son Lee Mitchell (Diana). Also survived by his sister Amy King, grandchildren Allanah & Danielle Beroud and Bryce Mitchell, and great grandchild Reilly Sider. In keeping with Jim's wishes, there will be no funeral services. Pat Mitchell and the Mitchell family would like to extend a special "Thank You" to the medics and police force of Fort Erie, and to all the kind people of Ridgeway who kept bringing my husband home when he was lost. Thank the Lord for living in a small town. Arrangements entrusted to NIAGARA FUNERAL ALTERNATIVES,

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God took them home, it was His will, but in our hearts we love them still, Their memories are as dear today, as in the hour they passed away, We often sit and think of them both, when we are all alone, For memory is the only friend, that grief can call its own. Sadly missed and Lovingly Remembered by Your Family





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